

JUST CLEANINGS

TURNER VALLEY AIRPORT

Turner Valley is to have an airport. Arrangements have been completed by the Anglo Canadian Oil Co. Ltd. with Thomas Merriam, highwood rancher, for a landing field south of the Highwood river, suitable for air planes and it is anticipated that a new hangar will be built immediately.

HON. J.G. GARDINER EXPLAINS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

In commenting on demands for a continuance of the 80-cent minimum price, Hon. J.G. Gardiner, minister of Agriculture, has stated that the fixed price of 60 cents was as far as the government could safely go. Only once in the past 50 years had the price of wheat gone below 60 cents for the year's average.

A fixed price of 80 cents under conditions like the present would cost the government \$100,000,000 which would be 22 per cent of all federal revenues. He said the government "obviously" could not take that risk.

If the western wheat industry should cost the federal treasury that amount in the next year "our chances of developing a reasonable plan of insurance would be destroyed for a long time to come," the minister stated.

LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Miss Lillian Tighe is spending the Easter vacation at her home at Didsbury.

Miss Alice Lacombe, teacher of the Carbon school, is spending the Easter vacation in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrin have moved into the "hut house" taken to the telephone office.

Miss Marjorie Martin has entered the General Hospital, Calgary, where she will train for a nurse.

Mrs. Otto Schickel visited for a few days last week at the home of her sister near Beiseker. She returned to Carbon Monday.

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"HERE COMES CHARLIE" TO BE PRESENTED IN CARBON FRI. AND SAT.

Under Auspices of the Carbon Ladies' Aid

The Carbon Ladies' Aid will present a three-act comedy-drama in the Farmers Exchange hall, Carbon, on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15. The performance starts sharp at 8 p.m. on both evenings, and the players who have been practicing diligently for some weeks, will do their best to put on an interesting entertainment.

The cast of characters, in order of their first appearance on the stage, is: Nora Malone, a cook at the Elliott home, Mrs. Vera Oliphant.

Officer Tim McGill, Nora's sweetheart, Bill Cameron.

Mrs. Fanny Panham, Larry's aunt by marriage, Mrs. Ethel Torrance.

Larry Elliott, a young business man, B.C. Downey.

Tom Hartley, his college pal, Cyril Pixon.

Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Larry's fiancée, Grace Cameron.

Charles Aleck Twigg, in charge of the hotel, Rev. W. R. McDonald.

Charlie Hoppes, Larry's ward, Marion Torrance.

Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's mother, Mrs. Alva Pixon.

Mortimer Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's brother, R. Harney.

Tom's misadventure in the telephone office. You will be assured of a good time.

The Carbon Auto Service has installed a new Stroboscopic Analyzer and this machine is said to be the latest in mechanical devices to test electrical systems and all motor adjustments.

Buy Your Needs in Carbon!

HUMOR IN THE LEGISLATURE

A bevy of beauties may be a Hollywood commonplace, but Edmonton witnessed a host of beauticians last Tuesday when the ladies of the plebeianity paraded descended on the Chamber on mass. They were accompanied by mere male members of the hairdressing profession, and they were there to argue pro and con the provisions of the Hairdressers' Bill which private member Fred Anderson introduced.

After quite a vigorous debate the bill went, and the way of all hair—it fell, greyed, and died.

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO FIRST AID STUDENTS TAKING WINTER COURSE

Good Marks Obtained By Many Members

The J.C. Ambulance Vouchers and Certificate of being distributed to the following students, who studied the course and sat for examinations about five weeks ago:

Vouchers and marks for second year students were given to: Frank Emory, 118; Benjamin Fox 112; Alva Pixon 111; William Fox 106; Albert Ginter 83.

These marks are for 6 subjects, 20 for each subject; minimum 78.

Certificates were also given to the following first year students: Ernest Fox 116; Douglas Ross 106; R. Standfield 106; Cleland Reed 100; R. Staal 90.

6 subjects were taken with a minimum of 72.

Wm. Downey will receive a medal in the near future for his participation.

Mr. McDonald hopes that a similar class will be held in Carbon again sometime this year.

LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Andy Ross was in Calgary last week and was a patient in the Blicher hospital while he was having his teeth out.

Mrs. Frank Sherry and daughter, Agnes, are visiting in Drumheller for a few days.

Rev. S. Evans officiated at the wedding in Acme on Wednesday, when Mr. McCullough and Miss Frances Wheeler were married.

Harvey Barker, who is taking his Grade 12 in Calgary, is home for the Easter holidays.

Sammy Malton of Calgary is visiting in Carbon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Wilton.

Miss Sue Priesen of Calgary spent Good Friday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. Priesen.

Miss Agnes Sherry of Calgary, is visiting in Carbon this week.

C. H. Nash had the installation of his new refrigerator completed this week in the store, giving him large storage capacity for meats and other perishable foodstuffs.

Jack Appleward, who is attending school in Calgary, is home for the holidays.

C. W. Gray arrived in Carbon Monday night from Calgary.

Miss Marjorie Leitch arrived home from Calgary for the Easter vacation.

Miss Mabel Fuller, who is taking Normal in Calgary, is home for the Easter vacation.

LONG YEARS AGO

Hugh Macdonald was the winner in the finals of the Oriental Contest for the Carbon-Thrive Hills district.

The Carbon Game Association now has 16 members and an order has been placed for six dozen pheasant eggs, which will be hatched out in the district.

S.F. Torrance has purchased a new Chevrolet Sedan from S. J. Garrett.

J.A. Toombs, who has conducted a jewelry and optical business in Carbon for many years, left this week for Lethbridge to take charge of a business there.

Quite a few ardent golfers made the rounds of the local course Sunday. The snow has all disappeared and very little work will be needed on the greens to put the course in good condition.

6½ MILLS ON DOLLAR SET BY MUNICIPALITY AS THE NEW TAX RATE

John Atkinson Appointed Municipal Weed Inspector

A NEW GRADER

All Councillors were present at the meeting of the council of the Municipality of Carbon held on April 11.

Representatives were present from machine companies, and the council passed an order for a new Adams clearing grader, to be used in road building in the municipality this summer.

John Atkinson of Carbon was appointed a weed inspector for the Municipal district, and Dr. G.L. McPherson was appointed Medical Health Officer.

The Council authorized the borrowing of necessary funds for school purposes.

A by-law to arrange for Paul, Richard was drawn up and forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval.

The rates of taxation in the Municipality of Carbon for this year were set as follows:

Municipal rate 6½ mills
School rate 8 mills
Hospital rate 1 mill

Passing of accounts and relief matters were also dealt with by the council.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT REVIEWED WEEKLY BY MAJOR H.G.L. STRANGE

A despatch from Bucharest tells us that Roumania has signed a most extensive trade treaty with Germany. Roumania has agreed to make available to Germany 50 per cent of her surplus wheat, (which surplus last year amounted to 32 million bushels) and other agricultural products and

In exchange for this, Germany has agreed to furnish Roumania agricultural and mining machinery, and other goods that the Roumanian people now need. The exchanges will be on a free trade basis.

It will be seen that almost complete free trade now exists between Germany, the former Austria, that was Czechoslovakia, and now Roumania.

This will certainly result in making the standard of living of all the people of this large European area.

As these benefits are realized these freer trade practices will no doubt spread, perhaps over the whole of Europe.

Where then, one might ask, will stand those countries, such as Canada, Australia and the United States, which now hold large surplus supplies of food stuffs, and which countries are curtailing the sale of those food stuffs by restricting the importation of other peoples' goods? Would it not be wise in time, to note the handwriting on the wall, and to make the distribution of surplus food stuffs easier by lowering those high tariffs which now strangle international trade?

Following factors have tended to raise prices: Demand from China exceeding all expectation. Winter wheat prospects below normal in many European countries. Holland taking Argentine and American Pacific wheat. Continued nervousness over German-Polish situation. England buys substantial quantities of Argentine corn and wheat. German-Roumanian trade treaty will increase consumption of wheat.

Following factors have tended to lower prices: European emergency stocks depress values and prevent normal purchases. Liverpool importing Brazilian flour. War risk maritime insurance rates increased. Negligible European wheat demand. Heavy local wheat stocks adequate for limited milling inquiry. Winter rye in fair or good condition in main continental producing countries.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Preby and family arrived last Thursday from Kelowna, B.C. and have taken up their residence in town. Mr. Preby is the new agent for the Pioneer elevator at Carbon.

FARM WORK WANTED—Raymond Lemay, Carbon.

Mrs. Jas. Smith and son, Roy, left Thursday last for Kelowna, B.C. and will visit with Mr. and Mrs. James.

Miss Mary Currie and Irene Martin left Thursday for the Pacific Coast on a ten day holiday.

Mrs. A.J. McLeod was a Calgary visitor this week.

A.Y.P.A. NEWS NOTES

A.Y.P.A. members enacted a tableau in the Anglie church on Easter Monday.

A large crowd was present and the scenes were very impressive. The players are to be complimented on their performance.

After the program the whole cast was photographed in their costumes.

EASTER SCHOOL RESULTS FOR CARBON'S ROOM III

(Standing in order of merit) GRADE IX—Frank Lisher, Annie Shys, Marjorie McCracken, Marjorie Goodie, Lena Bell, Donald Martin, Adams.

GRADE VII—Zoe Taylor, Verna Nash, Cyril Hunt, Lillian Dym.

GRADE VI—Marie Reid, Jean Heath, Christine Harvey, Betty Wood, Margaret Stenfield, Lorretta Lemay, George Lemay, Ralph Schalk, Ellen Ward, Betty Goleman, Mary Mialan, Richard Dolphin, David Flaws, Kenneth Leitch, Gordon Hunt.

J.M. Macdonald, Teacher

Stormy weather with light rain and snow has been prevalent the past week and days are now appearing. Land is drying rapidly and farmers in some parts of the district will no doubt be on the land this week.

ANNOUNCING THE INSTALLATION OF A STROBOSCOPIC ANALYSER

The Latest in Motor Tune-Up Equipment Come in and see this wonderful achievement in the motor industry

CARBON AUTO SERVICE

Phone: 33 — C. A. Cressman, Prop.

SATIN-GLO SALE

LOOK around your home and take note of the furniture and woodwork that needs a coat of Enamel. The floors and linoleum that Var-nish will brighten. The walls that should have a coat of semi-gloss Satin-Glo Satin Finish. All three of the famous Satin-Glo interior finishes are on sale this week at a big reduction.

SAVE! 100 OFF 2 GALS 50 OFF QUARTS 25 OFF PINTS

SALE STARTS APRIL 11—ENDS APRIL 22

BUILDERS' HARDWARE STORES LTD.

CARBON'S LEADING HARDWARE

AARON KLASSEN, Manager

PHONE 33 CARBON, ALTA.

SPRINGTIME IS CHECK-UP TIME FOR THE CAR

Transmission grease and engine oil should be changed to summer grades—Valves ground—Fuel System checked over.

BRING IN YOUR CAR OR TRUCK NOW

Willard Batteries — Firestone and Atlas Tires

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NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE TO SUMMER LUBRICANTS AND TO GET THAT MOTOR TUNED UP

Only the best lubricants used at all times

LET US GREASE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK

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SPRING SALE SPECIALS

- RED & WHITE YELLOW CORN, per tin 10c
- R & W TOMATO JUICE, 10½ oz. 5 tins for 25c
- R & W PORK & BEANS, 3 tins 25c
- R & W PURE STRAWBERRY JAM—4 lb. tin 59c
- R & W PURE PLUM JAM, 4 lb. tin 43c
- R & W WAX BEANS, choice, 2 tins 23c
- R & W PEAS, sieve 4, Choice, 2 tins 23c
- R & W BAKING POWDER, 3 lbs 59c
- R & W ORANGE PEKOE TEA, per lb 53c
- R & W CLEANSER, 3 tins 25c
- R & W COFFEE—1 lb. glass jar 45c

3 BIG DAYS OF SELLING—THURS., FRI., SAT., APRIL 13, 14, 15

THE FARMERS' EXCHANGE

RED AND WHITE STORE

There is just as much horse sense as ever—but the horses have it.

MAKE YOUR ACUREAGE PAY—TREAT YOUR SEED WITH CERESAN

5 LB. TIN \$3.90 10 LB. TIN \$7.50

GET THE GOPHERS BEFORE THEY MULTIPLY

DEADSHOT GOPHER POISON, 4 per cent 50c

GOPHERICIDE, per tin 45c

PROTECT YOUR HORSES—LET US HAVE YOUR REQUIREMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOR ENCEPHALOMYELITIS (Chick) VACCINE

McKIBBIN'S DRUG STORE

A.F. McKIBBIN, Pharm. B., Prescription Specialist, CARBON, ALTA.

Precautions Taken By Canada To Guard Against Spread of Livestock Disease

There never has been an outbreak of the dreaded foot and mouth disease of cattle in Canada. This has been due to a large extent to the persistent and exacting measures of precaution adopted by the Health of Animals Service of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at all reports and international boundary points in Canada. Experience has made officials of this service suspicious of every conceivable thing that has had the slightest contact with a farm in the country where it is known there may be either an odd case of the disease or a severe epidemic (epidemic of animal disease). As soon as a ship arrives at any port of Canada from another country, the cargo manifests are very carefully checked by inspectors of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and everything that is feared may be a carrier of disease must be accompanied by the required certificates or removed from Canada. In some cases, fumigation is permitted.

Old or secondhand bags are absolutely prohibited entry to Canada if they originate in a country where foot and mouth disease exists. Second-hand bags from countries free from the disease may be admitted accompanied by an affidavit stating they originated in, and have not been outside, the country of origin. No chance is taken because the threat to the industry of agriculture, by far the most important, might prove costly.

The same rigid precautionary measures apply to the importation of a carrier of infection, imported from the United States. Almost every day, several carloads of raw cotton come into Canada from the Southern States, and while most of the bales are enclosed in gunny sack material, which is not an infected material, every car is unloaded at specified points where there are fumigating chambers to make sure that there are no old bags or material that have originated in countries where foot and mouth disease is common. If so, the whole must be fumigated and the car in which it came must be disinfected.

But the activities in connection with preventing the entry of foot and mouth or any other disease to Canada is only one part of the work of the Health of Animals Service. There are also the measures for the control of Bang's disease and the suspicion of such diseases as hog cholera, glanders, mauls and rabies demand and receive prompt investigation and action. Further, there is the eradication of bovine tuberculosis. About one-third of the cattle in Canada have been tested with tuberculin, and animals found affected have been slaughtered. Another of the serious duties of the Health of Animals Service is the inspection of meats in all abattoirs which export meat from one province to another, or beyond the Dominion.

Purchases Of A Prince

Heir Of World's Richest Man Shops In London

Heir to the Nizam of Hyderabad, said to be the richest man in the world, the Prince of Berar has been in London specially to buy polo ponies and one or two luxury British cars.

The last British car he ordered in London was specially designed. A gymnasium cocktail cabinet was built in behind by the rear seat. It had hand-carved crystal glass and solid gold decorative trimmings. A concealed toilet set was fitted and in the front seats were vacuum flasks. The vehicle was air-cooled and the equipment included a radio gram. Steering wheel and control knobs were of ivory. Purchase price of the recently acquired ponies runs into several thousand pounds.

The Nizam is said to possess £1,000,000 in gold in his private vaults. Our shopkeepers are glad to see the Prince's European Daily Mail.

No More Sandwich Men

The sandwich man, who for these many years has carried advertising signs upon his front and back, has fallen under the police prescription that already has driven the hurdy-gurdy from the sidewalks of New York. The police ban became effective April 1.

On an average, London's Lord Mayor fulfills 1,000 public engagements, making the same number of speeches, during his year of office.

Five thousand bees weigh one pound.

Veteran Drives Old Engine

Finds It "Good As New" On Trip To New York

With all the pride of a father discussing the exploits of his first-born, John Maher, 76-year-old engineer who has driven the World War engine, "William Crooks," from St. Paul to the World's Fair, recalled the history of the old locomotive which he first operated in 1888.

"She's as good as ever," Maher said, the flash in his blue eyes seeming to defy any doubts. "Coming in from St. Paul we made 25 to 35 miles an hour and that was top speed when she was built in '91." Mr. Maher conceded that the tiny engine, only 51 feet in length and weighing 10,000 pounds, was not quite up to the style of the modern Diesel type, but insisted that, in the opinion of the "engineer," it was "reliant." It turned out that he was referring to the simplicity of controls on the William Crooks, and its absolute minimum of "gadgets."

The train, complete with its tender and two wooden cars, had been shipped from the St. Paul shops and entirely under power of the old locomotive. Mr. Maher's faith in an old friend had been confirmed.

Germany Had One King

But Monarch Named Adolf Reigned For Only Six Years

A fleeting notion in the reports of a day or two ago from Europe that Emperor Adolf Hitler was being greeted with a regal title. This recalls the interesting fact that the German people did long ago have a king named Adolf, but only one. This Adolf, a son of a Count of Nassau, flourished in the Thirteenth century. He was a young man, a mercenary and gained considerable fame as a feudal fighter. He finally was elected German king because of his handiness in the field rather than because of his personal qualities. The main ambition of the elder Adolf was not unlike that of the present one. He yearned to enlarge his boundaries. But he was not overly successful in his schemes, and after six years the Germans threw him out.

Adolf's refusal to abide by his deposition brought his career to a sudden and disastrous end. If there is any moral in this for the present Adolf we may feel sure, he will not profit by it.—Detroit Free Press

For Pure Air

British Doctors Discover New Method For Killing Air Of Germ

Doctors of Westminster Hospital Medical School have discovered a new way of making air germ-free. The method is called the "Lancet" method. It consists of putting out a spray of very fine particles, smaller than the size of a red blood corpuscle, which are electrically operated, and force a jet of atomized fluid against the blades of a fan, which still further breaks up the droplets. The emerging mist is forced against a series of baffles plates, and the final product is of extreme purity. The method is of extreme tendency. The scientists who investigated the method suggest that it may be used in the air sterilization of operating theatres, cinemas, restaurants and public halls.

Boy Scouts Conduct Court

Have Authority To Deal With Juvenile Traffic Cases

Joseph D. Baker, a judge, and Fred Dunham, 12, in prosecuting attorneys in the recent instituted Juvenile Traffic Court in La Porte, Ind., where 4,000 bicycles in a city of 17,000 had created a serious traffic problem. Under the law, bicyclists had to be treated as the same as automobile traffic violators, but police hesitated to act against boys and girls. So last summer Mayor Albin M. Smith selected two outstanding Boy Scouts to conduct a weekly juvenile court, giving them authority to inflict penalties varying from the imposition of essay-writing on traffic rules to the impounding of bicycles from one day to a week, and fines of 25 to 50 cents.—Herald's Digest.

The biggest bird that flies is the South American condor. Their raids on kids and lambs are feared by ranchers. Condors cannot rise from the ground unless they have a long runway.



"No, mate—I dunno no block of apartments by that name herabouts."—Sydney Bulletin, Australia.

Report Is Doubtful

Artic Explorer Gives His Opinion About Alleged Spies In Iceland

The annexation of Iceland by Germany would be a vital blow to the British Empire in providing a base for an alien air force that could easily sweep through Canada's Arctic undetected, stated Richard Finlay, Arctic explorer and lecturer, who was doubtful about charges that Nazi spies were mapping out the history of the North in the guise of missionaries.

In his many years of travel and exploration within the Arctic circle Mr. Finlay stated he had encountered many of the missionaries and never detected anything that would give rise to such charges. Nor had he heard from R.C.M.P. in the Arctic of anything that might suggest such a thing.

Commenting on the position of Iceland, Mr. Finlay, a Fellow of the Canadian Geographical Society, stated while that country was in the sub-Arctic its acquisition by Germany would give them a base for passages over Canada's most northern points, where German planes could fly almost undetected. If by any chance the R.C.M.P. patrols did detect the planes they had no way of getting word to Ottawa until the government boat arrived on its yearly voyage in early summer.

"The Mounties have no transmitting radio sets or any other way to get word out. A patrol to the South would take months and at the rate events are taking place such a patrol would be of little use. A submarine from Iceland to Alaska or Siberia could be easily set up by Germany on any one of the many islands in the Arctic."

"But I cannot see why Germany would want to send spies in the guise of missionaries or scientists. The Canadian Government has mapped out the land and the maps of the North and topographical details can be obtained by the public from the department at Ottawa," said Mr. Finlay.

May Explain Puzzle

Experiments have convinced a Yale University psychologist that the eyes of human beings and animals are charged with positive and negative electricity, which explains why persons lose their homing ability when freed near radio stations.

Women don't have to fight with bare fists. All one has to do is to turn up her nose at another woman.

What Goes Into A Plane

Putting An Airplane Together Is A Master Craftsman's Job

Anyone who takes a look at an airplane under construction, or even rides in one must be impressed by the amazing number of parts that go into it. To design them, to specify their qualities, to purchase or fabricate them, to stock them, to assemble and inspect them, both individually and in the completed ship, is a labor of infinite care and detail. For so much may be dependent on as small a piece.

Just for the sake of knowing, asked about one of the well-known ships. Take a Lockheed Model 14 into it for 228,274 parts. That doesn't include the engine, which accounts for between 5,000 and 6,000 more. The electrical system has 2,000 feet of wire; there are about 42 feet in the radio installation. The big lot includes 163,000 rivets. But before you say "Oh, well," please realize that each of these rivets must be handled, drilled and inspected in place. And I mean inspected.

Any way you look at it, putting an airplane together is a master craftsman's job. It's a young man's game, too, like the flying of it, and the youngsters that have what it takes are going to find a future in the industry.—Business Week (New York)

Widows Of Pensioners

No Pension For Widow If Marriage Took Place After 1933

No widow of a war pensioner married after May 1, 1933, is entitled to receive her husband's pension after his death, pensioners department officials said in explaining legislation the government expects to introduce this session.

Hon. C. G. Power, minister of pensions, announced that widows of veterans in receipt of pensions for a disability of 50 per cent or more will receive pensions for the remainder of their lives. A widow receives a pension if her husband dies from a pensionable disability. In cases where the disability is 50 per cent or more it is taken for granted that he died of the disability. The legislation will drop this figure to 50 per cent.

Requires One Month

The training of eagles for hunting is much like that of other birds used in falconry. Approximately one month is necessary as a preliminary schooling before the bird is ready to try its luck on living game.

BRITAIN'S NEW ARMY DRILL



To meet the tactical requirements of the modern infantry organization, a new field drill in "three" was introduced in March 1933. It was hoped that this would provide the basis of a future drill for all purposes including ceremonial, and would simplify and reduce the instruction of not only regular army recruits but also of territorial army units. The new drill is based on the organization of three sections, in each platoon, and three platoons in each company. Our photograph shows the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards marching in platoon of three.

Quarter of Nation's Workers Employed In Industries Of Comparatively New Origin

Depends On Your Taste

Some People Eat Minkskin And Think It A Delicacy

Have you ever eaten minkskin? The question may surprise or even shock some readers, but there are people who eat minkskin as a delicacy, states the Port Arthur News-Chronicle. Its use for food has been commonly known to some of the sportsmen and others who keep close to nature and the practices of the people in this district, but it has not gained a reputation equal to, say, frogs legs.

A bulletin of the Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries, speaks of minkskin as "a gastronomic delicacy." It quotes the chief biologist of the Louisiana Department of Conservation as saying if you have not eaten minkskin "you have missed one of the most dishes that the whole range of North American game can offer." He puts it ahead of ducks, geese, ruffed grouse, prairie chickens, deer, moose, buffalo or any other wild game food. He goes on to tell how to prepare and serve and adds that the livers are "unusually delicious and appetizing."

After all, possibly, there is something in a name even with respect to mink and their culinary. The name rat is calculated to frighten most people who think of it as a food animal. As a matter of fact, a mink is not a rat in the same sense that the well known rodent is. They are more closely allied to the rabbits and squirrels. Their own food is practically all vegetable, clean and wholesome from the standpoint of human kind, so that, transformed into market meat, it should be altogether desirable.

All the average man if he would care to line on horse flesh or groundhog legs he would probably shudder, but serve him one as roast beef and the other as fried chicken and he would most likely confess he had enjoyed the meal. It is largely a matter of mental suggestion.

If minkskin fur becomes a luxury after about 1933, possibly the minkskin would be just as popular if its appetizing qualities were better known or if the "rats" were taken out of the animal's name. Inidentally, too, it is unlawful in Ontario to sell the carcass under any name other than that by which it is commonly known.

Human Bombs

Chinese Strap Explosives To Bodies To Stop Invaders

Chinese newspapers printed accounts of 500 Chinese soldiers who offered their lives to stop Japanese tank charges by strapping explosives to their bodies and hurling themselves at the machines, like living bombs.

When heavy tanks broke through Chinese lines at Nanchang, a newspaper related, the Chinese commander called for volunteers. Five hundred responded, bound themselves with bombs around their bodies and when the invaders charged again, threw themselves before the approaching tanks.

"All tanks were destroyed," the Chinese accounts said.

Everyone knows that statistics are usually dry reading, but you will be interested in some of the facts that follow.

Since 1870, fifteen of the major industries of today have been developed, creating 15,000,000 new jobs.

A quarter of the nation's workers are now employed in industries which were not in existence in 1900, or else were mere babies at that time. Yet we hear on all sides that "the machine age is responsible for unemployment." The following "be-leave-it-or-nots" have recently been developed in industrial laboratories.

Just announced is a new control to be placed in a steam heating system by which grandmothers may have their own "Wired Heat" of 80 degrees, while the younger members of the family may have any degree, from 60 to 90, at their own will.

Then there is a new non-skid paint which when applied to steel plates, concrete floors, and wood or other floors, takes out all of their slipperiness.

A recently perfected eye comfort for your chair and bed, which is not what is lying there. It simply measures seeing comfort, something which has never been measured before and that means longer eyesight.

Two bits of light metal are stuck at each end of each wire and are held next them with a box. Every time an eye winks, its muscles set up an electrical impulse of a few millionths of a volt.

The wires pass the current to the box which, in turn, is connected to a motor, and now we will be able to tell what tires our eyes.

Full open the tractor of a new fitting of rubber and the contents automatically loosen so that insertions and withdrawals are made easy. A switch case is hung through the door and the tractor is raised to a vertical position. We probably have all seen the rubber case and the tractor, but here's one that talks.

Nature took thousands of years to teach man how to speak, and some of the best of each of these years is now. In two years scientists have taught a machine how to talk, translate, draw, and even raise its hands, but here's one that talks.

Do you have trouble putting a keen edge on a carving knife? All you have to do today is flip a switch and the knife is sharpened. A light, and an electric grinder plus a keen, convex edge on the blade, resists all of the wear and tear.

Lightning flashes occur on high voltage power lines when, in emergency, a circuit breaker is closed. Lightning leaps in a short, hot arc across the gap between the open ends of the circuit. It makes a noise like thunder and may fill a window with flames. But among new discoveries is a magnetic field that will hold out a flash of man-made lightning.

A low cost radio which will print a newspaper right into the ear is now to be placed on the market.

From Germany we are told of a transparent car made from cellulose acetate for displaying fruits and vegetables, so that we may see what we may before we open the can. And as the introduction of ideas goes on.

Deprived Of Posts

Government Radio In East Africa Hard On Elephants

Government radio has not a step to elephant posts of Kenya colony, British East Africa. For 100 years posts on a government telegraph were used by elephants when scratching their backs. Sometimes elephants pushed over the poles and cut off telegraph lines. Now the government has erected a radio station in the interior. This is not much use to the elephants.

Amity Between Twins

So strong was the affinity between Richard and Thomas Hendon, 22-year-old twins of Belfast, Northern Ireland, that they have died within a few months of each other. They were taken ill at about the same time and operated upon by different surgeons. Thomas died soon after the operation, and although the death was kept from Richard for some time the latter died.

It fortune is like muddy water; be patient, don't stir it, and it will clear.

A NEW PLAN TO AID AGRICULTURE NOW ADVANCED

Ottawa.—Farmers of western Canada will benefit from the new wheat policy insurance plan this year if legislation outlined in the House of Commons by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, becomes law. The five-year principle of the plan may be applied to all branches of agriculture throughout Canada.

Moving for introduction of the first of a series of measures embodying the government's new wheat policy, Mr. Gardiner told the house previous wheat legislation had been of a temporary or emergency character. The government was now moving to inaugurate a permanent plan and to formulate a national agricultural policy.

Debate was adjourned until after Easter after Mr. Gardiner's outline that M. J. C. O'Brien (P. R. Toronto-Biggar) obtained the floor for a minute and described the plan as "probably the most far-reaching proposal concerning agriculture ever presented to this house."

In addition to the acreage assurance plan, legislation will provide for co-operative marketing, to guarantee an initial payment on wheat of 60 cents a bushel, for co-operatives and to regulate the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, is ready for introduction.

"Before bringing down these measures," said Mr. Gardiner, "I should like, if possible, to have this house establish a principle. It will be applied in connection with our agricultural problems throughout Canada, so that the same principle may be followed in dealing with the problems of the dairy industry, the livestock industry, the fruit industry and other branches of agriculture across this country."

"I believe that if we can establish a principle of this kind, during this session we can at least start to give Canada an agricultural policy that will lift agriculture out of some of the difficulties it is experiencing from one end of the Dominion to the other. It is with that end in view that I bring this measure before the house."

The acreage assurance plan will apply to the spring wheat area of western Canada where, for practical purposes, mean the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Peace River district of British Columbia. Some spring wheat is grown in the Fraser river delta of British Columbia but with the abundance of rain there the yields are so high the farmers would not come under the bill.

Sole features of the plan are:

1. A charge of one per cent. on all grain which goes to terminals to form part of a fund for insurance to be provided by the treasury.
2. In an emergency year payments may be made to farmers on the acre on half their cultivated acre in townships with an average yield of wheat of 10 bushels and \$2 an acre in townships with an average yield of 10 bushels and of \$2.50 an acre in townships with a yield less than five bushels.
3. The bill will declare 1939 an emergency year. Subsequent years may be declared emergency by order-in-council.
4. Acreage payments for wheat will be subject to deductions of 1-10 for every cent the average price of wheat from August to December exceeds 70 cents and when the price reaches 80 cents no payment will be made.
5. In succeeding years the government may vary the limits of the 10-cent price range.
6. In years of total crop failure farmers with less than five bushels to the acre will receive the \$2.50 payment regardless of whether it is a 10-cent year or not.
7. Wheat is used as a basis of determining crop yield, but payments will be made on all cultivated acreage, whether in summer-fallow or other crops.
8. The township is the unit of yield, to avoid individual declarations and avoid encouraging the farming of poor land.
9. The maximum acreage on which a farmer may receive payment is 200 where the farmer has 400 acres in cultivation.
10. The plan will replace the present system under which the Canadian wheat board pays a fixed price (this year 80 cents a bushel for No. 1 Northern at Fort William) for wheat. The wheat board will not be abolished, however. It will operate as a central selling agency for co-operatives as the former central selling agency of the wheat pools operated.

British Consul Killed

Arab Mob Blamed Him For King Ghazi's Death

Mosul, Iraq, G. R. A. C. Monck-Mason, British consul at Mosul, was assassinated by a mob which rushed to the consulate and burned it. A martial law was declared and order was restored four hours later. The outbreak resulted from the funeral of King Ghazi who was killed in an automobile accident a few hours earlier.

Reports said four men were arrested after the slaying of Monck-Mason. They asserted agitators had worked up a crowd of mourners near the British consulate by declaring Ghazi had been slain by Britons. The mob then rushed the consulate and burned it.

The mob-murdered Monck-Mason, 53 years old, entered the consular service in 1908 and spent most of his career in the Near East. He was at Alexandria and Schibin during the war, and acted as consul-general at the latter city in 1920. In 1929 he was made consul at Aleppo. He came to Mosul in October last year. Mosul is on the river Tigris about 200 miles northwest of Baghdad.

King Ghazi of Iraq died of a skull fracture after his automobile was struck by a military light truck.

The 27-year-old monarch was returning to the palace at Baghdad about midnight, when he lost control of the car.

No Minister To Japan

Canada Represented At Tokyo By A Charge D'Affaires

Ottawa.—The Canadian government will carry on "for the present" without a minister to Japan, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons, replying to a question from Howard Green (Cons., Vancouver South).

Canada is now represented at Tokyo by a charge d'affaires since the resignation of Hon. Randolph Bruce as minister.

"The government will be making an appointment later on but for the present it is thought just as well to have the legation headed by a charge d'affaires," said Mr. Mackenzie King.

The discussion took place as Mr. Mackenzie King's estimates for the department of external affairs were passed in committee of supply. This brought to an end the discussion on international affairs.

Canada's permanent office at Geneva performs a valuable function in obtaining information on European affairs, Mr. Mackenzie King told the house in answer to Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader, who suggested the office could be closed as it was of little value.

Despatched to Hume Wynn, permanent officer attached to the League of Nations, were most helpful to the government, said the prime minister. They contained information which could not otherwise be obtained.

Heavy Movement Of Grain

Port Arthur.—Railway officials reported the heaviest movement of grain from the west since the seasonal rush last fall. A total of 474 cars arrived at the lakehead during a recent week-end. Stocks of wheat in store here increased 2,500,000 bushels to a total of 62,134,086 bushels compared with 16,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Steps Magazine Sales

Philadelphia.—The Curtis Publishing Company announced it had topped retail sales of all its magazines in Germany because Nazi censors recently confiscated several issues of the Saturday Evening Post containing articles discussing European affairs.

Welcome To Royalty

War Veterans, Boy Scouts And Girl Guides To Lead Assistance

Ottawa.—Organizations such as war veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides anxious to take part in arrangements for the welcome of the King and Queen should offer their services to the head of their local municipality, according to a statement by the office of Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

By communicating with their local mayors, such organizations will be able to ascertain how they could co-operate most effectively in the working out of local arrangements, it was suggested.

"It is expected that such offers will be very welcome and that a useful contribution can thus be made to the service of the community on this great occasion."

Many Facing Trial

Nationalist Government Starts Work on "War Guilt" Suspects

Madrid.—The Nationalist judicial mills—expected to grind fine and not show—began grinding away on a great mass of "war guilt" trials.

A summary court martial started at nearby Colmenar Viejo, the accused being six individuals charged with slaying rightists at the start of the war.

At Valencia 21 Syndicalist police agents were executed following conflict with military forces. Charges of committing murders during the civil war. It was stated in an official Radio Nacional broadcast \$2,600 persons were "known" to have been slain in Valencia during the war.

SEES CANADA AND U.S. PREPARED TO SAVE DEMOCRACY

Ottawa.—United States would intervene to prevent threatened conquest of Great Britain, in the opinion of Denton Massey (Con., Toronto-Greenwood).

And if such a threat existed, Mr. Massey told the House of Commons, "I do not believe there is one of us here that would not be a German that we should hold our hand and refuse our aid."

Discussing the differences of opinion already expressed by the British people on the desirability of Canada participating in a war involving Great Britain, Mr. Massey said he believed those differences were not so pronounced as might appear.

"So far as concerns the great mass of Canadian people I believe they would not willingly contemplate the defeat and subjection of the British people until we had exhausted every strength and resource in a determined effort to prevent a catastrophe."

"I really believe this is true almost to the same extent of the United States, and that if the people of the United States ever came to believe the freedom and integrity of Great Britain would be to be destroyed they too would intervene to prevent it."

Can anyone doubt that if those who apparently seek to achieve domination of Europe were to succeed in the destruction of the power of Great Britain and France, they would not inevitably be brought into conflict with the vital interests of the United States?"

Debate on foreign affairs was resumed in the house when estimates of the external affairs department were under consideration.

FRANCO'S TROOPS PARADE THROUGH FALLEN MADRID

Madrid.—The Nationalist troops of General Franco's army are shown entering Madrid, Spain, which was surrendered by Loyalist forces after a siege of more than two years. The large building seen on the right of this photograph is the Madrid postoffice. This is a radio photo.

DENTON MASSEY

Who believes Canada and United States would intervene in defence of liberty.

Moisture Conditions

Favorable Conditions Prevail In Most Districts In The West

Winnipeg.—Generally favorable moisture conditions prevailed across western Canada as prairie farmers prepared for spring seeding operations.

In northern and western Manitoba precipitation based on fall and winter statistics measured 7.75 inches while in eastern sections of the province 7.14 inches were reported. The normal snowfall this winter helped soil moisture conditions throughout the province.

Saskatchewan precipitation was reported normal as light snow increased moisture reserves which accumulated throughout the winter. Recent high winds had a drying effect on surface soil in some parts of the province.

Civil Service Rule

Outside Work Is Prohibited For Employees Receiving More Than \$1,200 A Year

Ottawa.—Full-time federal government employees receiving more than \$1,200 a year will not be permitted to engage in outside employment after May 1, except by specific authority of the treasury board under an order-in-council adopted last March 29, and made known recently.

The action was taken by the minister after the treasury board considered a report that "numbers of government employees of various classification were engaging in gainful occupations outside their regular hours of employment."

Specific exception to the regulation is declared for municipal or civil office, which are not to be considered as employment of gainful character.

Imports Higher

Ottawa.—The Dominion bureau of statistics reported Canada's February imports of rubber, metals, petroleum and hides and skins were higher than in February, 1938, while imports of automobiles and automobile parts, vegetable oils and soap were lower.

Join Imperial Airways

Winnipeg.—Capt. Bruce Middleton, one of the original pilots of Trans-Canada Airlines, has resigned his position with T.C.A. and will leave the Canadian service at the end of the month to proceed to England where he has accepted a position with Imperial Airways.

British Coal

London.—The British government will not contemplate consulting with Canada to explore the possibilities of increasing British exports of anthracite coal to the Dominion, it was announced in the House of Commons.

New Drill Formation

British Plan Is Engaging The Attention Of Defence Authorities

Ottawa.—Application of the new drill formations of the British army to the Canadian militia is engaging the attention of defence authorities. It was learned, it is likely that in due course the "fall-in" in three lines with the marching in column of three will be adopted.

The system is not new to Canadian drill, but as the marching in column of three is concerned, during the war some units of the Canadian militia used the formation, particularly where roads were narrow.

Much more important, however, is the matter of relieving the main strength of brigades and divisions. In the British army tests have been made with brigades of three battalions thus making a division of nine instead of 12 infantry battalions.

Bombing Outrages

Remember That Operations Will Be Carried To Canada And U.S.

Ottawa.—A broadcast over a secret radio channel believed to originate from the Irish Republican army included the statement: "We are prepared to carry out any mission ordered in Canada in 10 days."

The station, which broadcast on a wavelength of 21.5 metres, gave instructions to I.R.A. units in Canada, Great Britain and the United States. Police opened an investigation immediately.

Royal Seal

Ottawa.—The Dominion government will seek permission from parliament to make a royal seal for the use of the King should he prosecute a military or give royal assent to any bills during his visit to the capital next month, according to report of a bill on the order paper.

TAKE MEASURES IN BRITAIN TO BOLSTER DEFENCES

London.—Government spokesmen have announced that measures to strengthen civil and military defenses to conform with Great Britain's expanded stand against totalitarian aggression will be taken.

Speaking before the House of Commons, Sir John Anderson, lord privy seal with the functions of civilian defense minister, urged swift passage of the civil defense bill, so the government would be fully prepared to protect the population against air attack in the event of a possible outbreak of war.

War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha told the house the government has decided to enhance its requirements for regular military aviation, to tank units of the regular and territorial forces into a single continental command as the Royal Air Force corps.

The measure is designed to give Britain an up-to-date motorized force.

Mr. Hore-Belisha said the government was planning to train 16,000 reservists for the current year, and that this number would be sufficient to meet any situation that may arise during the defense.

While he attacked the government's anti-aircraft defense policy as one of "evolution, drift and indecision," Herbert Morrison, Labor leader, praised the government's stand against the dictators.

Mr. Morrison declared the conduct of the British people in the present situation was "much more creditable" than that of the dictators, who collected them in the days of September because they think that the government has gotten half way off the ground.

The civil defense bill, which came up for second reading, contains 71 clauses and is expected to cost the national exchequer alone some £20,000,000 (nearly \$129,000,000).

Mr. John emphasized the measures contained in the bill were not, properly speaking, wartime measures but measures which the government and local authorities permission to act in "normal times" if on times can be called "normal" for the organization of passive defense.

The bill authorizes local government in possession of power in respect of automobiles and buildings which can be used for emergency purposes in wartime. Thus the government will be empowered to transform underground garages into air-raid shelters and use automobiles for ambulances and other purposes if conditions warrant.

The government is not planning, Mr. John stated, widespread construction of underground shelters, as certain quarters have consistently demanded.

INFLATION POLICY IS OPPOSED BY GRAHAM TOWERS

Ottawa.—Loss of currency to finance government expenditures had "very unfortunate results" in government, Mr. Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, said at a sitting of the parliamentary committee on banking and commerce.

There is no doubt, Mr. Towers, said, "that it is possible to issue currency to finance government expenditure and that it is within the powers of parliament to provide the necessary legal authority. However, I believe that this proposal has been made because the authorities consider it to be preferable to other methods of financing, not simply because it may be possible or legal."

"First of all, I think that I am correct in saying that those who give credit consideration to this form of financing do not wish it, if adopted, to result in inflation. No doubt they fully realize the damaging influence of inflation and the social injustice of such a policy."

A great number of Canadian people, Mr. Towers said, are naturally violently opposed to measures likely to produce such unfortunate results. For example, there is no reason to believe that the reaction of organized labor in Canada would be any different than in the United Kingdom and United States where labor leaders have declared vigorously against such a policy.

Advocates of such a method of financing public expenditures doubtless believed inflation would be prevented and that it would be a cheaper method than taxation or borrowing. The proposal was "an exercise in wishful thinking," Mr. Towers said, "because it is not based on the fact that it would cause would be of a most unusual and disturbing character, and that it would cause a certain loss of public confidence."

"When it is claimed that a proposal of this type is a 'stop-gap' measure, it is claimed that it is a stop-gap to the government," said Mr. Towers. "I cannot, however, conceive that a policy which is so expensive to the people as this proposal would be, can be regarded as a stop-gap measure. It is the representative of the people. If the government wants to adopt such a policy, it must be prepared to face the result in a very open public which condemns the saving to the government."

Butter Distribution

Protests Plan That Would Add To The Public Debt

Ottawa.—The public debt will be increased, Hon. J. G. St. Laurent told the House of Commons when Mark Syme (Con., St. Catharines) requested a report on the federal government was cooperating in the distribution of 4,000,000 pounds of butter among the unemployed.

John Blackmore, Social Credit leader, said the government would not and if the government was paying for the butter with money loaned from the people of Canada.

"There is nothing I can add," the minister of agriculture said.

Mr. Blackmore pointed the subject in the motion to go into committee on estimates. He said the proposal to take 1,000,000 pounds of butter off the market was one that should have been adopted long ago. Such a distribution was something in the way of the dividend advocated by the Social Credit party.

"Then what is the grievance?" asked Mr. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice. Mr. Blackmore said his grievance was that this would mean the national debt would be increased by \$3,177,000,000.

Other countries were managing to distribute products among the people without asking for the price paid. Mr. Blackmore said France was borrowing money from its own banks without interest. "What France has done we can do. We are an stable a country as France. We could do it with our own Bank of Canada."

Loan Is Authorized

Sum Totalling \$2,297,000 To Help Saskatchewan Meat Relief Committee

Ottawa.—An order-in-council tabled in parliament authorized the Dominion government to lend some \$2,297,000 to the Saskatchewan Meat Relief Committee to enable the province to meet its share of unemployment relief for the period from September 1, 1938, to March, 1939. The loan will be secured by three per cent provincial treasury bills.

Call For Leadership

Says Farming Industry Is Suffering From Lack Of Far-sight

A call for leadership to show Canadian agriculture the way out of its present "crisis" was voiced by Dr. W. H. Brittain, dean of agriculture at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., in an address to a banquet of the Eastern Agricultural Conference.

The leadership needed is one possessed of "superior training and intellect and character leading to new achievements of the human spirit and the human personality," the speaker declared.

For the last 10 years, Dr. Brittain said, agriculture in the Dominion has been in a condition of distress. The industry was suffering from the "hypnotized nature of our development and from our lack of foresight and courage in dealing with basic problems."

A fundamental problem, growing out of the situation was that of the "marginal farmer." "In some parts of the country," he said, "we are manufacturing poor whites, through our neglect, our ineptitude, and our indifference to the human factor, an essential element in any industry and permanent solution of our problem."

Dr. Brittain said Europeans who attended the international economic conference at Ste. Anne de Bellevue last summer had been "appalled at the waste they saw in this country." They considered any people who would tolerate such conditions were not worthy of the heritage of the past, and some of them seemed to doubt the moral right of any people to hold for themselves the richest territories in a state of such incomplete development.

Flour Milling

Industry Carried On In Canada Far More Than 500 Years

The Canadian flour and mill industry which has existed to meet the country's domestic needs for more than 500 years is one of the Dominion's oldest manufactures but it is only within recent years that its progress has become spectacular. The demand created by the World War gave a great impetus to the trade. The 355 flour mills, many of them of the most modern type, with the highest efficiency, have a capacity far in excess of Canada's demands and during 1928 reached a productive capacity of 121,000 barrels per day. Since then, the industry has been affected by the difficulties besetting the grain trade and the decline in grain prices, but in spite of that Canada continues to be one of the world's leading exporters of wheat flour.

Men At Their Best

Some Men Accomplished Much When Late In Life

Many late have been drawn up to show that all men are best when they reach maturity years. The Communication, a New York magazine, after the following examples, the ages of 70 and 83. Commodore Vanderbilt attained 100 million dollars to his fortune. Karl at 74 his bibliography. Einstein at 74 his Anthropology. Tinseltown at 71 completed painting the vast Parthenon, a canvas 71 by 30 feet, while Verdi at 73 produced his masterpiece, Otello, at 79 Falstaff and at 85 the famous Ave Maria. Gato at 80 began the study of Greek; Goethe at 80 completed Faust. At the early age of 80 Thomson wrote Crossing the Bar, while Titian topped all the boys by painting his historic picture of the Battle of Lepanto as a young man. —Edmonton Journal.

Liked Clean Autos

Man In Wisconsin City Had Very Quer Hobby

A tall, elderly man with lanky legs walked along a street in Green Bay, Wisconsin, wearing mud and ice off his trousers, and wiping off head and face. "Mud," he would mutter to himself, "and even the policemen who took him in tow. I hate to see dirty automobiles," the tall man explained. "I haven't an automobile myself. If I had, I'd keep it clean." He was released. —Chicago Tribune.

Very Good Definition

Charles Wells in the New York Sun, asks: How would this do as a definition of a gentleman? "A gentleman is one who knows his place." This sums up the three elements that go to the making of a gentleman: regard for self, regard for others, regard for authority. The opposite of a gentleman is a man. One who does not know his place. —high on

Promising an up-to-date atlas as so tricky as getting out a Hollywood magazine with all the stars married to the right people.

Deserves Great Credit

Hart Massey Has Not Let Handicap Get Him Down

A London sporting writer offers the opinion that if there were a prize for the outstanding athletic achievement of recent years it should go to Hart Massey, son of the Canadian High Commissioner in London. Vincent Massey, for winning his "blue" as cox of the Oxford University boat which recently raced against Cambridge. The men who row in that famous race are nearly all giants. On their strength and endurance largely depends the result. But they cannot row "blind." The cox, always a smaller, lighter man, has during the course of the race, to manage the big fellows facing him. He has also to watch the other crew as well as his own. He must know not only how to take advantage of the water by steering the right course, but when he will order the men to take it easy or make their supreme effort. Without his agile and observant mentality to guide them the oarsmen would be helpless. They apply the oar; he furnishes the brains.

Hart Massey is handicapped in life by a physical disability. Any young man of lesser gift would have sunk under it long ago and never made anything of his life. He stands not four feet, two inches and weighs but 72 pounds. He will never grow any more. When he was six years of age he had a tumor on the brain, and in removing the growth, the pituitary gland was destroyed. From that time his growth ceased. His height at six years of age will be his height all his life.

In all other respects young Massey is normal; in intellect he is far above average. He is the top of his class at Upper Canada College. He is as capable a student as Oxford University ever instructed. He is a first-class painter. At Geneva he drew caricatures of the Aga Khan, Lord Alton, then Premier of France, and many others. He has been well pleased with the pictures that they autographed them. Mr. Massey has been exhibited in his several sports. He is an excellent mimic, tap-dancer and impersonator. He plays golf and squash rackets with skill and vim. He has a special car made for him and has motored through Switzerland in it.

He admits that he is "fed up to the teeth" about his height. He has a sense of humor about it, and says he will never marry until one day snatch him up and put him in a "pram." But a man with such a handicap who ignores it and leads a normal physical and intellectual life is an example to others who sit down and bewail their misfortunes. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

May Become Air Base

Sussex Coast Harbor Suggested For Trans-Atlantic Landing Point

Pugham Harbor, on the Sussex coast, near Brighton, may become the air base for the projected Trans-Atlantic flying boat service, and also for the existing Empire service.

Flying boats on the Empire route at present are crowded Southampton harbor as a base, but the air ministry is anxious to find a suitable spot free of ocean traffic; negotiations for an air base at Portsmouth broke down last year.

Pugham Harbor is now derelict but experts estimate it could be turned into a suitable base at a cost of about \$800,000 (\$3,700,000 including purchase of the site. A dam would have to be built across the harbor entrance and a light aircraft base for land plane services.

Pugham is only 10 miles from London, the same distance as Southampton and Portsmouth.

An Old Lighthouse

Centuries-Old Boat Still At East End To The Bay

A battered old tub of a vessel, tossed into the Thames estuary a century ago, is going through to rest. The hull is a mass of rot and decay, and the interior is a jumble of junk and debris.

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Per capita consumption of apples in the United States is half an apple per day for every man, woman, and child.

SOLDIERS, NATIVES OF TUNIS, DEMANDED BY ITALY



The Italian Premier's latest demands include the French colony of Tunisia in Africa. However, the natives have signified their reluctance to trade their French allegiance for Italian rule. The photographs above, French colonial troops during manoeuvres in Tunisia and, bottom, natives staging an answer to Mussolini's proposal, meet in the city of Tunis.

A Centenarian Fish

Age Of Sturgeon Was Determined By Counting Ear-Rings

When a great sturgeon, 767 pounds in weight, was captured last year in the Fraser River, in British Columbia, examination of its ear-rings proclaimed the fact that the big fish had seen a century come and go. Counting the oblong (earstone or earstone) rings is the method of determining the age of some fish. In the case of the big Fraser sturgeon, the rings were counted by an inspector on the British Columbia staff of the Dominion Department of Fisheries, among others, and he vouches for the statement that there were more than a hundred of them. Age, by the way, had not made this fish decrepit by any means; it put up a hard battle with every one of its 767 pounds when it found itself trapped in a fisherman's net.

Sturgeon are taken in both sea and freshwater fisheries of Canada, but the larger catches are landed in inland waters of Quebec and Ontario. Sometimes called "the royal fish," the sturgeon is perhaps best known to most people as the source of caviar, which is prepared from the roe of the fish. Canadian production of caviar is small, however, something like a couple of thousand pounds a year and nearly all of it is sent by Ontario fishermen. —Canada's Weekly, London.

Might Be Groupy

In the fourth-floor corridor of the Times Annex, says The New Yorker, an eerie little notice is posted.

Please keep the windows closed as when open a draft comes into the hall. Your hair poster.

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Has Many British Ideas

Possible That Don Juan May Be King Of New Spain

If, as Spanish observers predict, King Alfonso's third son is placed on the throne of the new Spain in the near future, Great Britain will have much cause for satisfaction. For the infant Don Juan has many close ties with this country—of training and temperament as well as of birth. He spent four years in the British Navy, and left it much against his will when he became heir to the throne. He once said that his greatest ambition was to become an Admiral in the British Navy.

Don Juan is a young man of fine physique, and is fond of sport of all kinds. He is the only one of four brothers who is not afflicted with haemophilia, the dread disease which pursues the male line of the Bourbons. —News of the World.

How About The Answers

Politicians Should Know Them As Well As The Questions

Once there was a political story going the rounds, says the Vancouver Province. A man was cultivating a particular politician. He is exceedingly well up on all the political questions of the day; he debated enthusiastically. He is skeptical friend replied, with a devastating effect: "How is he on the answers?"

Some of the political movements under way in Canada just now recall that story to mind.

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Safety Not Assured

Enemy Air Force From Far East Could Bomb Canada

Canadians who regard it as well beyond the range of probability that Canadian territory could be bombed from the East by enemy air force may be interested in learning that the far-off city of Sydney in New South Wales, with its huge population, vast docks, and crowded area, has become thoroughly awake to the danger of the grim possibilities of modern warfare and to a realization of the fact that the organization of civilian safeguards against hostile air raids has become as necessary a part of national defence as the construction of planes or the training of an army.

The New South Wales Government has accordingly formulated plans for air raid precautions, and it is now enlisting the enthusiastic support of the population of the New South Wales metropolis. Australia's air programme is being extended, and arrangements have just been completed to manufacture military aircraft in the Commonwealth on a large scale, thus making a substantial contribution, not only to Australian, but to the larger scheme of Empire defence.

In view of the fact that Sydney is 4,500 miles in a direct line from Tokyo, whereas Vancouver is 4,250 miles in a direct line from the Japanese capital, the wisdom of the Canadian authorities in getting ready their air bases will be manifest to all save those who prefer to retain the traditional ostrich attitude.—Bristol Star.

No More Homesteads

Policy Laid To Occupation Of Land Unavailable For Farming

The decision of the Alberta Government to do away with homestead-riding means a sharp break with the past.

There were only a few people in Western Canada when that settlement plan was adopted in 1872. The opportunity to secure a free grant of 160 acres proved a most powerful lure, and the prairie would not have been populated anywhere like as rapidly as they were.

This has to be recognized, even though as time has gone by the weakness of the system have become more and more apparent. It led to much wasted effort and the occupation of a great deal of land that was unsuitable for ordinary farming.

The west would have been spared many of its present troubles if there had been more control over settlement during the period when homesteads were being taken up in large numbers.—Edmonton Journal.

Seeds From A Tomb

After More Than Twelve Centuries Seeds Sprung Into Trees

Several odd-looking seeds discovered recently in a more than 12-century-old tomb at Jago, Higashikokoma Village, Kodama, have begun to sprout into phoenix trees, which are found only in the western part of Manchuria.

They are growing at the Koishikawa Botanical Garden in Tokyo.

The seeds were discovered by an amateur collector, Daisuke Shimizu, of Chichibu, Saitama prefecture. They have the shape of an egg, 8.8 to 7.3 millimeters in length and from 4 to 6.1 millimeters in diameter. Their color is pale brownish yellow.

They hatched 13 days after they were given soil by an expert of the Koishikawa Botanical Garden where they had been sent by the amateur botanist. —Japan Times Weekly (Tokyo).

Get Special Dispensation

Lobby Pages At Ottawa Are Ex-

Sixteen boys ranging from 10 to 16 years of age run messages for members in the commons at Ottawa. Instead of going to school, these pages get a special dispensation from the trustees, or, though, and don't seem to lose much by being away from the classrooms. As one little lad puts it: "You learn more in parliament sometimes than in school."

Many pages have risen to high civil service positions. Tommy Gorman, the Montreal hockey man, was a page in his boyhood. There is sometimes violent rivalry between the government and opposition lobby pages. The boys are paid \$17.5 a day.

Whales can dive a mile below the surface and rise immediately without harm. A chemical adjustment of their blood care for the variation in pressure.

California has an oak-tree with a geyser spouting from its roots.

Above is a photograph of the presentation by Lord Wakefield of the magnificent painting of "The Coronation Luncheon" to the Guildhall. The picture depicts the Coronation luncheon in the Guildhall and has over forty people. It is the work of Mr. Frank O. Salisbury, who is seen at the right between Lord Wakefield and The Lord Mayor of London.

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THE PAST WEEK IN EDMONTON

Proclamation of the eighth session of the eighth legislature came at 10:10 p.m. on Monday, April 3, when His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. C. G. Bowen closed regular proceedings in traditional manner. With the bills to which he had already given Royal Assent, His Honour now assented to the remainder, which brought the total to 102.

The session opened Thursday, February 9, and it lasted just short of eight weeks. The House sat 37 working days, and in all 105 bills were introduced. Three bills, each introduced by private members, were killed in committee. They were the Hairdressers Bill, the Dental Mechanics Bill, and the Bill to Amend and Consolidate the Dental Act.

A poignant note was struck early in Monday's proceedings when Premier Aberhart and leaders of the Opposition voiced regret at the death of William E. Hayes, Social Credit member for Stony Plain and a member of the Social Credit Board. Bank and the members followed and all were unanimous in their expressions of sorrow at the passing of an extremely likeable and kindly public servant.

At the post-session caucus among Social Credit members, they decided to accept 50 per cent of their Sessional indemnities in Treasury Vouchers. This will mean an excess of \$50,000 circulating in that form. Total appropriation for legislative purposes ran to approximately \$125,000. M.L.A.'s receive an indemnity of \$2,000. Cabinet Ministers and the Chairman of the Social Credit Board receive indemnities of \$1,800.

There are special allowances in addition to those. Mr. Speaker is allowed an additional \$1500 and the deputy-Speaker \$750. \$2400 is allowed to the leaders of opposition groups.

Important Bills passed during the session include the Marketing Act; the Pipe Lines Control Act; the Petroleum Products Price Control Act; the revised Limitations of Actions Act; the new Lands Act and the Public Stockyards Act.

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A laugh is just like sunshine.
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"Are you a slug on?" cried a young lady, rushing into a drug store.
"Slow," replied the youth behind the white counter. "I'm just a fiftician."

Down where I live, said the Texan, we grow a pumpkin so big that when we cut it my wife used one half for a cradle.
Well, smiled the man from Chicago, that's nothing. A few days ago right here, two full grown policemen were found asleep on one bed.

Small Brother—Ha! ha! I just saw you kiss Sis.
Sister—Here. Keep still. Put this udder in your pocket.
Small Brother—Here's ten cents change. One price to all, that's the way I do business.

"Yesterday I baked quite a new type of cake."
"I thought so."
"How was that?"
"I had quite a new type of indigestion."

He: Didn't some brainless idiot propose to you before we were married?
She: Yes.
He: I wish to goodness you had married him.
She: I did.

Mary had a little lamb
That drank some kerosene.
One day it got too near the fire,
And has never since been tame.

He: Does the moon affect tide?
She: No; just the untied.

Small Son: "How do they catch tarantulas, daddy?"
Daddy: "With face powder, lipstick and clothes."

Wife: "I heard a noise when you came in last night."
Arthur: "Perhaps it was the night falling."
Wife: "Or the day breaking?"

—The Carbon United Church Ladies' Aid will present "Here Comes Charlie" a comedy-drama in three acts, in the Farmers' Exchange Hall, Carbon, on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15.

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Tea In Canadian Pacific History



Half an ounce of tea, carried across the Dominion 53 years ago as part of the first transcontinental freight shipment by the newly-completed Canadian Pacific Railway, made history in London, England, recently.

In a small phial, the tea was placed in the Canadian Pacific office in Trafalgar Square, as part of the 10th anniversary

celebration of Empire Tea. Just enough to provide "tea for two" the sample was traced to the shipper that inaugurated the "All Red Route".

Photos show: (top left) the phial, "W. B. Platt," whose entire cargo of tea formed the first consignment to each freight train in 1861; (top right) an early Canadian Pacific freight train crossing Burr

prize Creek bridge; (right) London celebrates the centenary of Empire-grown tea by transporting a symbolic shipment from the East India Dock to Museum Lane by elephants and (left) the sample of tea preserved by Mary E. Bacon, Lenoxtown, P.Q., mounted upon an extraordinary map in the Canadian Pacific window on Trafalgar Square.